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TITLE OF INVENTION	SELF-LUBRICATING COMPOSITE CONTAINING CHROMIUM OXIDE			

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 24, line 4 delete "(I)" and at line 7, delete "essentially".

In claim 25, line 2, delete "Alloy" and substitute -- alloy --.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because the closest prior art, Toyota (Parts I and II), do not teach or suggest the instantly claimed invention. Applicant has established that the proportions for the binder metal and the Cr_2O_3 are clearly outside the ranges taught by Toyota.

Accordingly, the claimed invention, as a whole, would not have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.


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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia Toomer whose telephone number is (703) 308-2509.


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